



VBI70 Health Team
Minutes
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Participants: Madeline Williams, Gene Hook, Terry Taylor, Julia Korndorfer, Sandee Coulberson, Luly Rosales, Dave Hewitt, David Mellard, Michael Wenstrom, Laurel Mattrey, Lorraine Granado, Michael Maes, Mel Muñoz

1. Terry Taylor presented information about CDPHE's blood lead program. The CDPHE program focuses on 1-, 2- and 3-year old children but will test older children at a parent's request. Terry expects to conduct blood lead tests in the neighborhoods in July.
2. The team decided ATSDR and CDPHE should coordinate the different testing programs so that people are offered testing at the same time.
3. David M reported that based on Phase IIIa data approximately 60 homes have lead levels above 500 ppm and approximately 170 homes have lead levels above 400 ppm.
4. The group decided that the following people should meet to discuss various issues about the blood lead testing and coordination with ATSDR's arsenic tests: Sandee Coulberson, Dave Hewitt, Lorraine Granado, Michael Maes, Gene Hook, David Mellard. Others may join this meeting, also. The group will report their decisions back to the health team.
5. Luly R gave a presentation about ATSDR's environmental health intervention project. Luly stated that ATSDR will conduct a health intervention project at the VBI70 site and she will prepared a summary of her talk.
6. David M will ask Mike Schultz with ATSDR's Division of Health Studies to talk to the team about whether or not ATSDR will do health studies at VBI70.
7. The team discussed ways of approaching local residents to get them to participate in CDPHE's blood lead program and in ATSDR's urine/hair arsenic testing. The emphasis was on talking to people directly rather than relying on letters and understanding that the approach might differ by neighborhood. No decisions were made.
8. The team agreed that ATSDR (and CDPHE?) should have the participants identify their personal physician or health care provider during the urine/hair arsenic survey (and blood lead survey?). ATSDR should send a letter to the health care provider explaining the VBI70 site and providing educational material about the medical activities that are on-going at the site.
9. Julia, Luly, and Theresa will come up with a letter to health care providers to be used to educate them about health-related activities at the VBI70.
10. The team decided that ATSDR should send a letter to people who meet the criteria for testing and should follow up that letter with a visit.

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